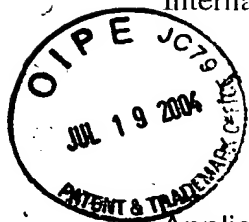


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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on July 19, 2004, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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